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Remarks

General

The applicant believes that the amendments have provided more structure to the claims while maintaining a breadth of scope that protects the novelty of the invention to the greatest extent while not being precluded by the prior art.

Specific To The Examiner's Comment Regarding Applicant's Arguments Filed 06/28/04

Examiner's Comment - Applicant's arguments filed 06/28/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive for the above (shown in the Office Action) reasons. The references meet the terms of the claims as broadly recited. The phrases "pressure sensitive" and "override" are readable on the prior art and do not have the specific meaning set forth in the applicant's remarks.

Response - Perhaps the greatest novelty of the subject invention concerns the specific meaning of the term "pressure sensitive" as it applies to the subject invention. In the currently amended claims, that specific meaning is detailed in the only independent claim, Claim 1, wherein different specific responses are described for each of three different pressure levels. While the term "pressure sensitive" may be readable on the prior art, the applicant believes that the specific meaning of this term, as it pertains to the subject invention and as it is described in Claim 1, is not readable on the prior art. The applicant further believes that, with the currently amended claims, the phrases "pressure sensitive" and "override" have the specific meanings set forth in the applicant's remarks in the amendment filed 06/28/04.

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